

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5483

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PASS OPIC IMMEDIATELY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS : EINV

SUBJECT : BELBAGCO

REF: STATE 167984

1. BDG REQUESTS OPIC REPS LIPMAN AND CLEGG POSTPONE ARRIVAL IN DACCA SO NEGOTIATIONS MAY BEGIN AUGUST 2 RATHER THAN JULY 26 AS PROPOSED REFTEL.

2. JOINT SECRETARY FOR NATIONALIZED INDUSTRIES ZAINUL ABEDIN TOLD ECONOFF JULY 21 BDG PREFERS TO BEGIN TALKS AUGUST 2 SINCE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES NOW OUT OF DACCA AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL JULY 25, AND BECAUSE CABINET SECRETARY MOMEN KHAN, WHO WAS ORIGINALLY EXPECTED TO LEAD NEGOTIATIONS, WAS PROMOTED LAST WEEK TO NEW JOB AS MINISTER OF FOOD. HIS SUCCESSOR, KARAMAT ALI IS NOT YET FAMILIAR WITH BELBAGCO CASE. ABEDIN ADDED HE AND OTHERS INVOLVED WOULD LIKE MORE TIME TO PREPARE.

3. WE HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE FIRST ENTRY, SECOND COLUMN, OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT ATTACHED TO OPIC LETTER TO ABEDIN IN REFTEL ENTITLED QUOTE, CASH, UNQUOTE. DOLS 334 IS NOT TAKA 92,527 DIVIDED BY THE 7.59 TAKA TO ONE UNCLASSIFIED

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DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE NOTED IN FOOTNOTE ONE. WE ARE SENDING TEXT OF LETTER AND STATEMENT TO ABEDIN THIS MORNING AND HAVE NOT ALTERED THIS DOLS 334 FIGURE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: (1) PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY IF OPIC TEAM CAN DELAY ARRIVAL UNTIL JULY 30 OR AUGUST 1 SO THAT NEGOTIATIONS CAN BEGIN AS REQUESTED BY BDG ON

AUGUST 2; (2) IF DOLS 334 FIGURE NOTED PARA 3 ABOVE IS  
AN ERROR, PLEASE ENVISE SO WE MAY SEND CORRECTED STATE-  
MENT TO ABEDIN.  
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